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SUBJECT: EX-CHIEF MINISTER OF BALUCHISTAN GRANTED BAIL

BEFORE ARREST

REF: KARACHI 0352

- 1. KARACHI PRESS APRIL 6 REPORTS THAT SADAR ATAULLAH KHAN MENGAL, EX- CHIEF MINISTER OF BALUCHISTAN, WAS GRANTED BAIL BEFORE ARREST BY KARACHI JUDGE APRIL 5. GROUNDS UNDER WHICH MENGAL APPREHENSIVE OF ARREST NOT NOTED IN REPORTS, BUT MENTION MADE THAT HIS KARACHI RESIDENCE SURROUNDED BY POLICE APRIL 4 AND MENGAL HIMSELF DID NOT APPEAR AT COURT PROCEEDINGS. MOTION FOR BAIL BEFORE ARREST WAS MOVED BY HIS SON- IN- LAW AND HIS LEGAL COUNSEL.
- 2. COMMENT: THIS DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWS A SERIES OF LOW KEY, UNCONFIRMED, PERSISTENT PRESS REPORTS COMMENCING AFTER FIRING ON TRAIN INCIDENT NEAR DADU, REPORTED REFTEL, THAT MENGAL TRIBALS ENGAGED IN ANTI- SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MARCH 19 STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR BUGTI THAT FORMER NAP MINISTERS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO BOOK FOR MALFEASANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND MISFEASANCE WHILE IN OFFICE. PRIOR TO PLANNED DEPARTURE FROM KARACHI APRIL 7, MENGAL INTENDS TO CARRY THROUGH WITH SCHEDULED MEETING OF NAP WORKERS AFTERNOON APRIL 6. AT THIS JUNCTURE, MENGAL'S ARREST, IF MADE, UNLIKELY CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO GOVERNOR BUGTI'S CONTINUING ATTEMPTS FORM NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PRIOR EXPIRATION SECOND 30- DAY PERIOD PRESIDENTIAL RULE IN BALUCHISTAN APRIL 15.

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